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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with the decision of the Statistical Commission, the officers elected at the twenty-ninth session of the Commission (11-14 February 1997) will serve as the officers of the Working Group at its nineteenth session. [1]

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation: provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.1).

After adopting the agenda, the Working Group may wish to consider the order in which the items should be discussed. Information on the organization of the work of the session, including a proposed order of the discussion of items, is contained in the annex.

3. Statistical priorities and management in the face of diminishing resource levels

Documentation: oral report from the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division on the management of the statistics programme under conditions of resource reduction, and on the implementation plan and timetable for the recommendations made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the United Nations Secretariat in its report on its in-depth valuation of the statistics programme.[2]

4. Implementation of the System of National Accounts, 1993 (1993 SNA)

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.11); see also the report on the actions and decisions taken by the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities at its thirty-first session (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, para. 15).

5. Work of the inter-agency task forces

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the task forces (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/2) (Task Force on Environment Statistics (Convener: United Nations Statistics Division) Task Force on International Trade Statistics (Convener: World Trade Organization), Task Force on Finance Statistics (Convener: International Monetary Fund) and Task Force on Service Statistics (Convener: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)); oral report by the Director of the Statistics Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (Convener of the former Task Force on Industrial and Construction Statistics), on its study of definitions of statistical unit used by OECD member countries; see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 13 and 14 and 16-18.

6. Some critical problems in economic statistics

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General on the status/work of "city and other important groups" (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.3); see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L,10, paras. 4 and 22.

7. Demographic, social and migration statistics

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General on demographic, social and migration statistics (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.4); see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 5 and 6.

8. Statistical implications of the follow-up to recent major United Nations conferences

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General on the statistical implications of the follow-up to recent major United Nations conferences (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.5); see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 20 and 21.

9. International economic and social classifications

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General on international economic and social classifications (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.6).

10. Technical cooperation in statistics

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General on the development of good practices related to technical cooperation in statistics (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.7); see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, para. 12.

11. Coordination of statistical data-collection activities

Documentation: oral report by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 3 and 9.

12. Information on the statistical activities of the international organizations

Documentation: oral report by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division and the Director of the Statistics Department of the International Monetary Fund, presenting the results of a pilot study; see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 19 and 25.

13. Role and functioning of the Statistical Commission

Documentation: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ad hoc group of countries on exploring new approaches to the structure and operation of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.8); see also E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 8 and 23.

14. Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41, the Statistical Commission submitted the provisional agenda and documentation for its thirtieth session to the Council at its substantive session of 1997.[3] The Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation. As requested by the Commission, the Working Group should finalize the agenda and documentation.

Documentation: note by the United Nations Statistics Division containing the proposed agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.9).

15. Dates, venue and draft provisional agenda of the twentieth session

The Working Group should recommend to the Statistical Commission the dates, place and draft provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Working Group.

16. Report of the Working Group on its nineteenth session

The Working Group should adopt its report on its nineteenth session for submission to the Statistical Commission at its thirtieth session.

Notes

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 8* (E/1995/28), para. 94.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/52/16), para. 293.

[3] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 4* (E/1997/24), chap. IA.

Annex

Proposed organization of the work of the session

1. The proposed schedule of work for the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination at its nineteenth session is set out below; it has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Working Group.

2. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 February 1998 at 10 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. Meeting hours will normally be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 10 February

a.m.	*Item 1*	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.1)
	Item 3	Statistical priorities and management in the face of diminishing resource levels (oral report)
	Item 4	Implementation of the System of National Accounts, 1993 (1993 SNA) (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.11; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10; para. 15)
	Item 5	Work of the inter-agency task forces (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.2; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 13 and 14 and 16-18; and oral report)
p.m.	*Item 5*	(continued)
	Item 6	Some critical problems in economic statistics (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.3; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 4 and 22)

Wednesday, 11 February

a.m.	*Item 7*	Demographic, social and migration statistics (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.4; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 5 and 6)
	Item 8	Statistical implications of the follow-up to recent major United Nations conferences (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.5 and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 20 and 21)
p.m.	*Item 9*	International economic and social classifications (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.6)
	Item 10	Technical cooperation in statistics (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.7 and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, para. 12)
	Item 11	Coordination of statistical data collection activities (oral report; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 3 and 9)

	Item 12	**Information on the statistical activities of the international organizations (oral report; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 19 and 25)**
Thursday, 12 February		
a.m.	*Item 13*	**Role and functioning of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.8; and E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.10, paras. 8 and 23)**
	Item 14	**Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/AC.1/1998/L.9)**
p.m.	*Item 13*	**(continued)**
Friday, 13 February		
a.m.	*Item 13*	**(continued)**
	Item 15	**Dates, venue and draft provisional agenda of the twentieth session**
	Item 16	**Report of the Working Group on its nineteenth session**